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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A wire channel device for use with an upper siding panel and a lower siding panel, comprising:

an upwardly extending arm having a top portion, a bottom portion, an inner surface, and an outer surface, the outer surface of the top portion having a triangular shaped lip wedged between a bottom lip of the lower siding panel and between an upper hook of the upper siding panel ~~wedgeable projection to engage and to secure the wire channel device between the upper siding panel and the lower siding panel;~~

a transverse leg outwardly extending ~~outwardly~~ from the outer surface of the bottom portion of the arm towards a downwardly extending leg of a wire channel, the transverse leg extending at a right angle from the outer surface of the bottom portion of the arm and the transverse leg having a width that is the same as a width of the upper hook of the upper siding panel, such that the transverse leg is parallel to a bottom surface of the lower siding panel;

the wire channel having the downwardly extending leg, a channel portion, and a rear upwardly extending leg, the downwardly extending leg having a longer length than the rear upwardly extending leg such that an open passageway is formed between an end portion of the rear upwardly extending leg and the transverse leg, thus creating an open passageway through which a wire may pass into an interior channel of the channel portion;

a pair of upwardly extending arms with each arm having a flat lip, the flat lip having an interior angle relative to transverse leg of fifteen degrees; and

an exterior surface matching the upper siding panel and the lower siding panel, the exterior surface having a plurality of sections mated and aligned together,

wherein the interior channel supports and secures the wire and helps to protect the wire from wildlife and environmental risks ~~downwardly extending leg is longer than the~~

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~~rear upwardly extending leg and wherein an interior of the channel portion defines a channel to retain a wire.~~

2. (Previously Presented) The wire channel device of claim 1, wherein the channel portion comprises a substantially "U"-shaped channel.
3. (Withdrawn) The wire channel device of claim 1, wherein the channel portion comprises a substantially rectangular-shaped channel.
4. (Previously Presented) The wire channel device of claim 1, wherein the channel portion comprises a substantially "V"-shaped channel.
5. (Previously Presented) The wire channel device of claim 1, the transverse leg further comprising a first lateral side and a second lateral side, the first lateral side having a female repository and the second lateral side having a male projection, wherein the male projection of a first wire channel device mates with the female repository of a second wire channel device such that the first wire channel snap fits into alignment and secures with the second wire channel.
6. (Previously Presented) The wire channel device of claim 1, the downwardly extending leg further comprising a first lateral side and a second lateral side, the first lateral side having a female repository and the second lateral side having a male projection, wherein the male projection of a first wire channel device mates with the female repository of a second wire channel device to align and secure the first wire channel device with the second wire channel device.
7. (Previously Presented) The wire channel device of claim 1, wherein a length of the upwardly extending arm comprises at least one inch.

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8. (Previously Presented) The wire channel device of claim 1, wherein a length of the transverse leg comprises at least one inch.
9. (Previously Presented) The wire channel device of claim 1, wherein the downwardly extending leg comprises at least one and a half inches.
10. (Previously Presented) The wire channel device of claim 1, wherein the downwardly extending leg extends downward at an angle of at least thirty degrees toward the transverse leg.
11. (Withdrawn) The wire channel device of claim 1, wherein the projection comprises at least one substantially triangular-shaped lip.
12. (Previously Presented) The wire channel device of claim 1, wherein the projection comprises at least one substantially hook-shaped lip.
13. (Previously Presented) The wire channel device of claim 12, wherein the hook-shaped lip has an interior angle relative to the outer surface of the top portion of at least fifteen degrees.
14. (Previously Presented) The wire channel device of claim 1, wherein the wire channel device comprises at least one of the following materials:
 - metal,
 - polymer,
 - plastic,
 - vinyl,
 - ceramic,
 - composite,
 - glass, and
 - crystal.

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